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THE New York senate passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to use the national flag for advertising purposes.

NOW that the Kansas legislature has fixed upon 10 cents as the legal charge for a shave, may one expect the populist party to part with its beard?

ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK, of Missouri, recently United States ambassador to Russia, took the prescribed oath and entered upon his duties as secretary of the interior on Monday.

RUSSIA proposes to try cheap fares on the great Siberian railroad. A through ticket from St. Petersburg to the Pacific, a distance of 5000 miles for \$60, will encourage outing trips around the world.

THE president has issued proclamations setting aside the following as forest reserves: The Teabuco canyon forest reserve in California, 108,920 acres; The Fish Lake forest reserve in Utah, 67,840 acres, and the Gallatin forest reservation in Montana, 40,330 acres.

IN his testimony before the board of inquiry Gen. Miles stood up to his newspaper friends nobly, admitted the genuineness of most of the interviews that have been printed, but explained they were inaccurate in many particulars because the interviewers made no

notes and trusted to their memories. The general of the army is the easiest man in the world to interview. No reporter ever visits him without getting at least an idea or a suggestion, and usually ten minutes at army headquarters is good for a column.

CONCERNING the cultivation of canals, the root so valuable for tanning, which grows wild in this country, Prof. James McClintock of Edinburgh, is quoted as saying: "I firmly believe that the close of the next decade will see the long abandoned canals plant productive of as much wealth to the people of California and Arizona as alfalfa or oranges."

SOME one with a penchant for statistics estimates that getting born costs the people of the United States \$225,000,000 annually; getting married, \$300,000,000 annually; getting buried, \$75,000,000 annually; getting drunk costs the people of the United States more than \$1,425,000 annually, or more than one and a half times as much as getting born, married and buried together. All of which goes to prove that business is much less expensive than pleasure.

IN the supreme court Monday a decision was handed down by Justice Harlan, construing the constitutionality of the state law of Ohio, regulating the stoppage of through trains. The law requires that any railroad company in the state shall have at least three trains a day, if so many run, stop at every station containing not less than 30,000 population. Action was begun against the Lake Shore company because of its refusal to have three trains stop at West Cleveland. The court held that the question involved was only that subserving public convenience and the state had a right to legislate to that end. The judgment of the supreme court of Ohio was affirmed. Justices Brewer, Shiras and Peckham dissented.